Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and what is the population of Kunnamkulam village from which the Government had received requests for Reading Room grant;

(c) how many Reading Rooms are being aided by the Government and in what villages they are located?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) A copy of the rules governing the grant to Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) The funds at the disposal of Government, the conditions of the Library that applies for grant, the extent of its use by the public, etc., are taken into consideration.

(b) The population of the village is only one of the grounds. All available information regarding population of villages can be found in *the Census Report.*

(c) Nine. 1. Ernakulam Town, 2. Cranganur, 3. Irinjalakkuda Town, 4. Kattur, 5. Trichur Town English Library, 6. Trichur Town Malayalam Library, 7. Ayilur, 8. Chittur, 9. Trippunittura Princes' Library.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government consider the question of creating a Reading Room in Kunnamkulam?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There was an application, and the question has been considered.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has it been disposed of; and, if so, how?

Mr. C. Matthai.—It has been disposed of.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government did not think there was sufficient justification for having a library there.

Malayalam Shorthand.

34. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state.

whether Malayalam Shorthand is introduced in the Commercial Schools in the State?

Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Has the Government any objection for introducing Malayalam Shorthand in schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have no objection. They are making the necessary enquiries.

Women teachers.

35. Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of acting women teachers who are thrown out of employment at the end of the school year (1102)?

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